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**IN VACATION.**

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**A Double-Barreled Apology.**—"If you do not instantly apologize for that remark," said the judge, "I shall commit you for contempt of court."

"Upon reflection, your honor," instantly replied the young attorney, "I find that your honor was right and I was wrong, as your honor always is."

The judge looked dubious, but finally said he would accept the apology.—Ex.

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**Sticking to the Point.**—A lawyer wanted an apprentice and placed an advertisement in the local paper. A number of boys replied, so he gathered them all together in his office at once and looked them over. He found it pretty hard to make a choice, but at length a happy idea struck him.

"Once upon a time," he said, "a farmer was very much annoyed by a huge rat that made a very comfortable living by feeding upon his grain and other products. He tried traps of all kinds to catch it, but the wily rodent evaded them all and apparently enjoyed the game of hide and seek that the farmer had devised for its recreation. One day, however, as the farmer turned the corner of a haystack, carrying a gun in his hand, he spied the troublesome rodent at the edge of the hay. Instantly raising his gun, he fired, but the blazing gun was dropped among the hay"—

Here the lawyer stopped, and, looking at the boys, he said, "If any of you want to ask a question, write it on a piece of paper." Each did as suggested, and here are some of the questions that were asked:

"Did he set the hay on fire?"

"Was the stack burned to the ground?"

"Did the farmer have his hay insured?"

"Was the fire engine near at hand?"

"Was the rat killed?"

The boy that asked the last question was chosen because he stuck to the point.—Ex.

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**Stripes.**

When the donkey saw the zebra,

He began to switch his tail;

"Well I never," was his comment;

"There's a mule that's been in jail."—Ex.

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**King Frederick and the Sentry.**—Frederick the Great of Prussia often told a laughable story of an experience of his own. During

one of his campaigns in Silesia he made it his habit to stroll through his camp in disguise at night to come in touch with his soldiers. One night he was stopped by a sentry, but giving the proper password, was permitted to proceed. Instead of doing so, however, he endeavored to tempt the sentry into accepting a cigar, saying that a smoke would solace his long watch.

"It is against the rules," said the soldier.

"But you have my permission," said the king.

"Your permission! Who are you?"

"I am the king."

"The king be hanged!" said the incorruptible sentry. "What would my captain say?"—Ex.

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**One on James Whitcomb Riley.**—James Whitcomb Riley was an unwilling witness in a civil suit in which one witness was plaintiff and the other defendant. He didn't want to testify, because both men were his friends, and, besides, he had an aversion to courts and trials and all that goes with them, formed when he gave up the study of Blackstone in his early manhood.

One of the lawyers in the case, a pompous fellow with a just-watch-me-settle-this-fellow's-hash bearing, became angered when Riley apparently evaded answering his questions directly. He spoke to Riley sharply:

"Now, look here, Mr. Riley; this won't do. You're not answering my questions. Let's get down to facts now. You know we're entitled to know what you know about this case. You studied for the bar once and you know law. Isn't that true?"

"No," Riley drawled in reply. "I don't know any more law than you do!"—Ex.

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## BOOK REVIEWS.

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**The Workmen's Compensation Laws of Virginia and West Virginia,** Together with Rules of Procedure and Other Information Compiled, Annotated and Indexed by James F. Minor, B. A., B. L. of the Richmond, Virginia Bar. The Michie Company, Law Publishers, Charlottesville, Virginia. Price \$5.00.

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